

REMARKS

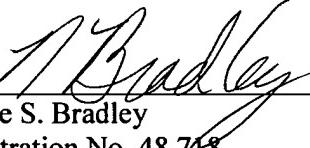
In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 set forth in the September 20, 2002 Office Action, applicants elect for continued prosecution of the Group I claims (claims 1-42), without traverse. By virtue of this amendment, claims 1-42 are the only claims pending. Applicants reserve the right to later file a divisional application directed to the non-elected, canceled claims.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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